

# Composite Hybrid Inflation: Walking Dilaton and Waterfall Pions

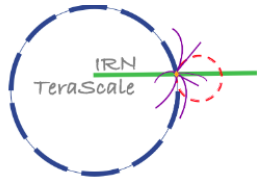
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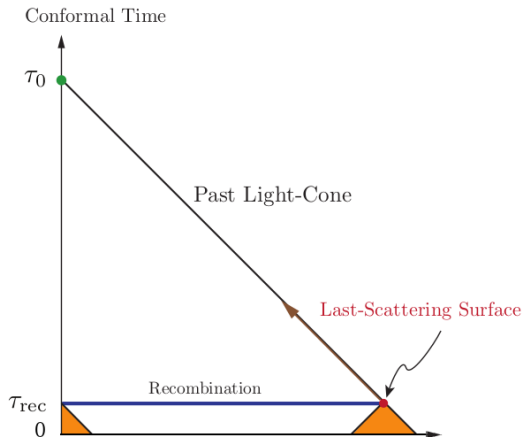
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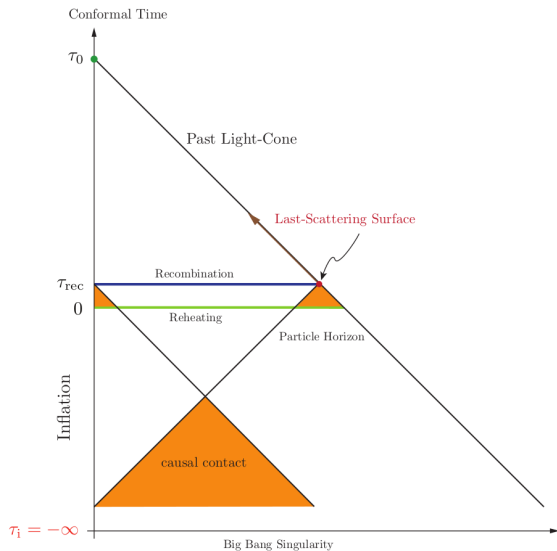
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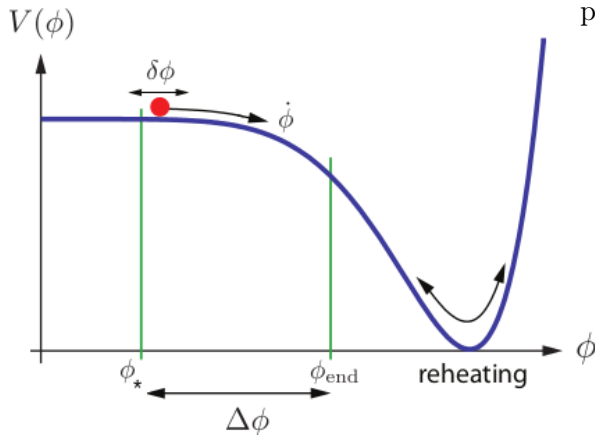
Inflation gives a simple explanation to both problems



[Baumann]

## Introduction : Slow-roll Inflation

Scalar fields  $\phi$  dominated by their potential  $V(\phi)$  are good candidates to have an accelerated expansion :



Inflation characterized by slow-roll parameters :

$$\varepsilon = -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} \simeq \frac{M_P^2}{2} \left( \frac{V'(\phi)}{V(\phi)} \right)^2 \ll 1 \quad (1)$$

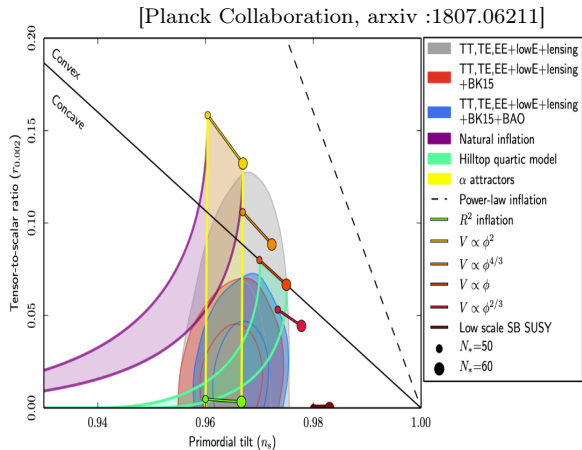
$$\eta = -\frac{\ddot{\phi}}{H\dot{\phi}} \simeq M_P^2 \frac{V''(\phi)}{V(\phi)} \ll 1 \quad (2)$$

# Introduction : Slow-roll Inflation

CMB/Planck observations lead to precision tests for inflationary models :

- Duration :  
$$N = \ln \left( \frac{a_{\text{end}}}{a_*} \right) = \int_{\phi_*}^{\phi_{\text{end}}} \frac{d\phi}{\sqrt{2\varepsilon}} \simeq 60$$
- Scalar to tensor ratio :  $r \simeq 16\varepsilon \leq 0.05$
- Spectral index :  
$$n_s \simeq 1 - 6\varepsilon + 2\eta \simeq 0.965$$
- Power spectrum :

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}} \simeq \frac{V(\phi_*)}{24\pi^2 M_P^4 \varepsilon} \simeq 2 \times 10^{-9}$$



# Questions

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Can viable inflationary potential arise from BSM theories like composite models?

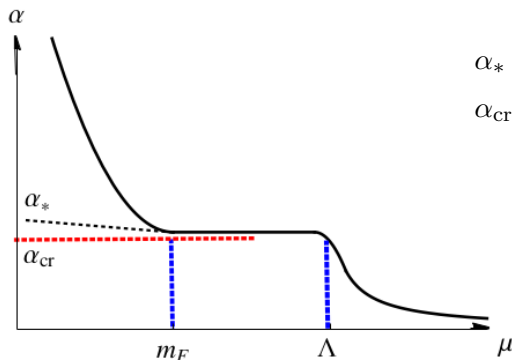
How inflation constrain such theories? What is the phenomenology?

# The model

- $SU(N_c)$  gauge theory,  $N_f$  Dirac fermions (Fundamental)

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi}_j (i\not{D} - m_0) \psi_j \quad (3)$$

- Such theory can exhibit a walking regime :



$\alpha_*$  : IR fixed point

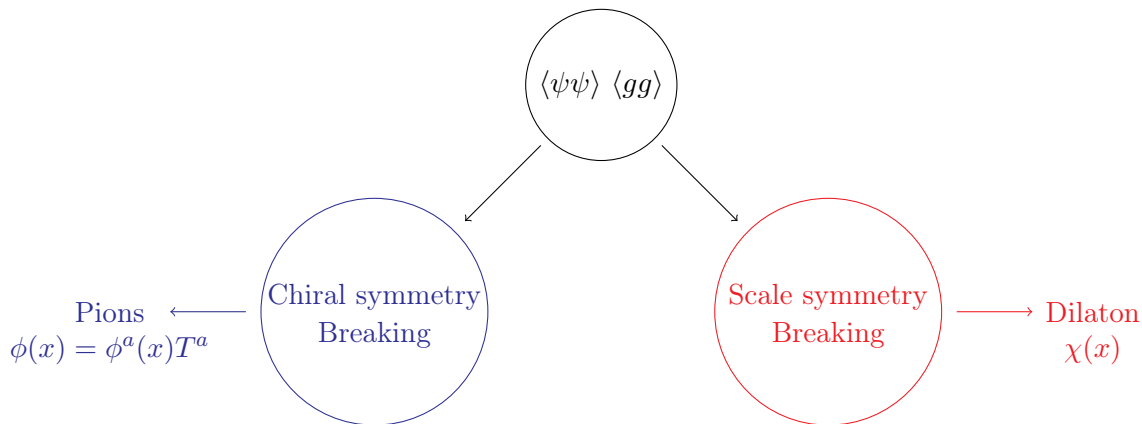
$$\alpha_{cr} = \frac{\pi}{3C_2}$$

[Matsuzaki, Yamawaki 05']



# The model

- In the IR,  $\mu \ll m_F$ , a fermion and/or a gluon condensate  $\langle \psi\psi \rangle$  (  $\langle gg \rangle$  ) can form.



- Chiral Lagrangian with  $M_P = 1$ ,  $U(x) = \exp\left(\frac{i\phi}{f_\phi}\right)$  :

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- Lattice data :  $0 < \gamma_m \leq 1$  and  $0 < \gamma_{4f} \leq 1$  [Leung,Love,Bardeen 89']  
[LatKMI Collaboration 14', 17']
- Composite theory :  $\max(\delta_1, \delta_2) \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda_\chi} \left(\frac{f_\phi}{f_\chi}\right)^4$
- De Sitter :  $V_0 > 0$

## The model

- Inflationary potential :

$$V(\phi, \chi) = -\lambda_\chi \delta_1 f_\chi^4 \left(\frac{\chi}{f_\chi}\right)^{3-\gamma_m} \cos \frac{\phi}{f_\phi} - \lambda_\chi \delta_2 f_\chi^4 \left(\frac{\chi}{f_\chi}\right)^{2(3-\gamma_{4f})} \sin^2 \frac{\phi}{f_\phi} + \frac{\lambda_\chi}{4} \chi^4 \left(\log \frac{\chi}{f_\chi} - A\right) + V_0 \quad (5)$$

- VEV requirements :  $V(\phi_0, \chi_0) = 0$ ,  $V_\chi(\phi_0, \chi_0) = 0$  and  $V_\phi(\phi_0, \chi_0) = 0$

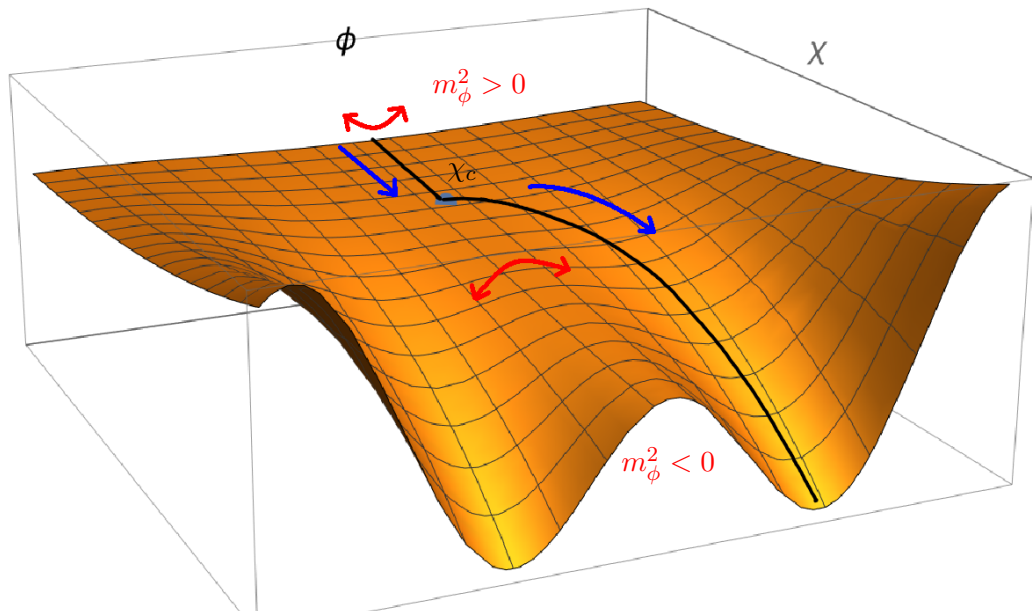
$$\chi_0 = f_\chi, \quad \phi_0 = f_\phi \arccos \frac{\delta_1}{2\delta_2} \quad \text{for } 0 < \delta_1 < 2\delta_2$$

$$V_0 = \frac{\lambda_\chi f_\chi^4}{16} \left[ 1 + 2 \frac{\delta_1^2}{\delta_2} (2 + \gamma_m - \gamma_{4f}) - 8\delta_2 (1 - \gamma_{4f}) \right] \quad (6)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{4} \left[ 1 + 2 \frac{\delta_1^2}{\delta_2} (\gamma_m - \gamma_{4f}) - 8\delta_2 (3 - \gamma_{4f}) \right]$$



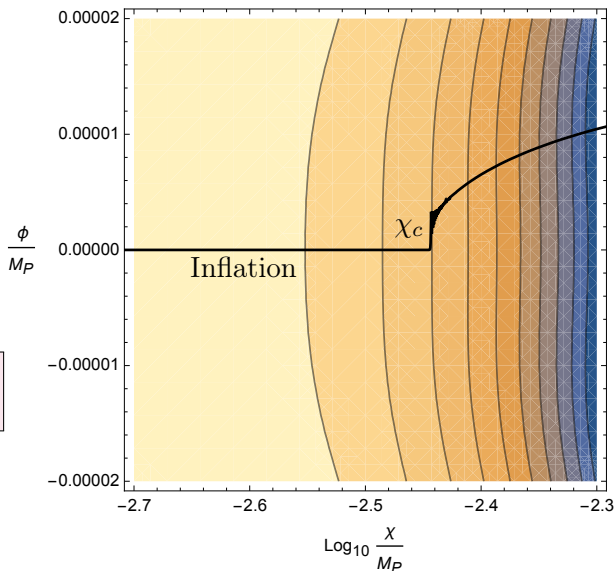
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- $\chi_c = \chi(m_\phi^2 = 0) = f_\chi \left( \frac{\delta_1}{2\delta_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{1+\gamma_m-2\gamma_4f}}$
- $\phi(\chi < \chi_c) = 0$
- $\phi(\chi > \chi_c) = f_\phi \cos^{-1} \frac{\delta_1}{2\delta_2} \left( \frac{f_\chi}{\chi} \right)^{3+\gamma_m-2\gamma_4f}$

Tachyonic instability terminates inflation at  $\chi = \chi_c$



# Constraints on the parameter space

- Rapid termination of inflation :

$$\left| m_\phi^2 \right|_{\phi=0, \chi=\chi_c+\Delta\chi} \gg H^2$$

$\implies$  Constrain :  $f_\phi < f_\phi^{\text{waterfall}}$

- Composite consistency :

$$\max(\delta_1, \delta_2) \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda_\chi} \left( \frac{f_\phi}{f_\chi} \right)^4$$

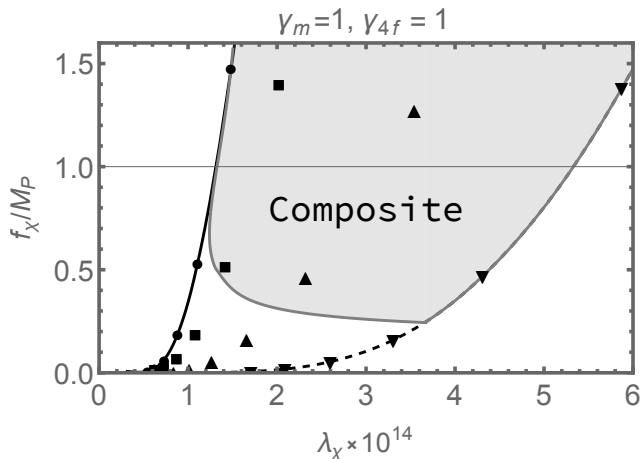
$\implies$  Constrain :  $f_\phi > f_\phi^{\text{composite}}$

- De Sitter :  $V_0 > 0$

$\implies$  Constrain :  $\delta_2 < \delta_2^{\text{dS}}$

## Constraints on the parameter space

- Setting  $\gamma_m = \gamma_{4f} = 1$ , we have 5 free parameters :  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \chi_*, f_\chi, \lambda_\chi$
- CMB observations ( $n_s, N, \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}$ ) allow us to fix 3 parameters :  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \chi_*$



- Predictions :

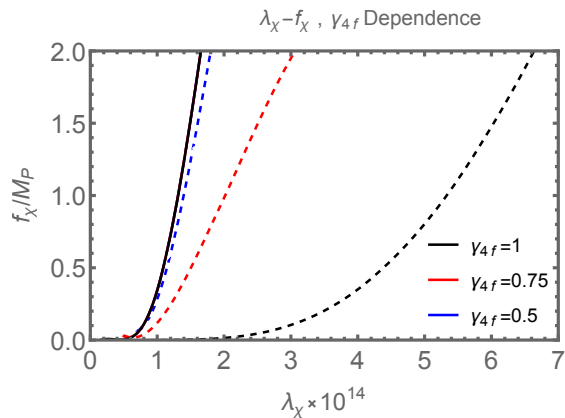
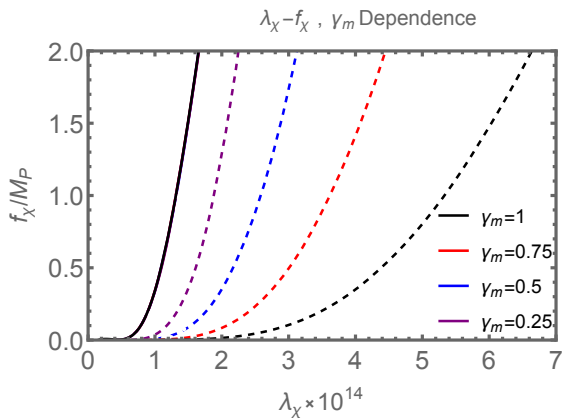
$$m_\chi|_{\chi_0, \phi_0} \sim 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_\phi|_{\chi_0, \phi_0} \sim 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$$

$$H_{\text{inf}} \sim 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$$

# Constraints on the parameter space

- Dependence on  $\gamma_m$  and  $\gamma_{4f}$  :



# Conclusion

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- Inflation provides a simple way to answer the Flatness and Horizon problems
- Inflation requires a particle to drive the accelerated expansion

⇒ Test if BSM theories can provide a successful framework for inflation

- Study for a composite gauge theory

⇒ Compatibility with CMB observations constrains a lot the parameter space of such theories

- Next : Reheating? Topological defects? Gravitational waves production?  
Non-minimal coupling?

# Walking Regime

- Beta function :  $\beta^{2\text{loop}}(\alpha) \equiv \mu \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \mu} = -b_0 \alpha^2 - b_1 \alpha^3$

$$b_0 = \frac{1}{6\pi}(11N_c - 2N_f), \quad b_1 = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \left( 34N_c^2 - 10N_c N_f - 3 \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{N_c} N_f \right)$$

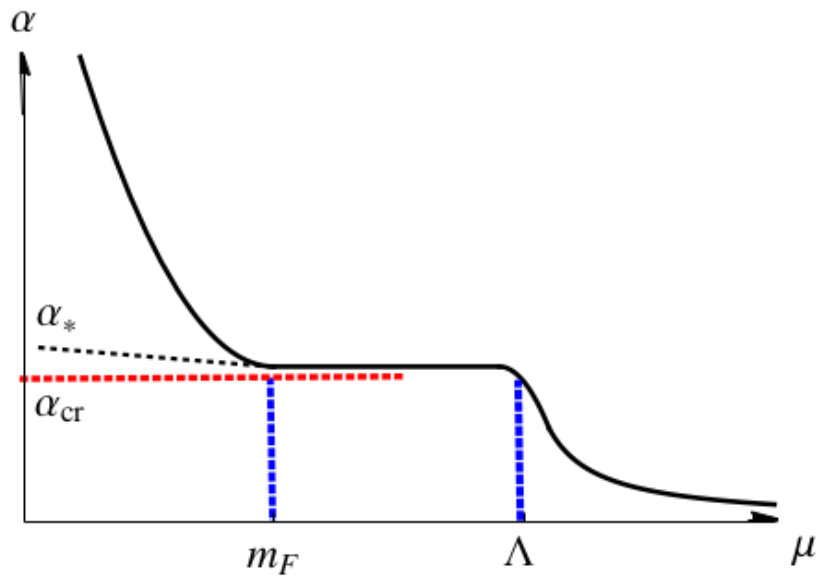
- IR fixed point :  $\alpha_* = -\frac{b_0}{b_1} = \frac{4\pi(11-2n_f)}{N_c(13n_f-34)}$

- Intrinsic scale :  $\Lambda \equiv \mu \exp \left( - \int^{\alpha(\mu^2)} \frac{d\alpha}{\beta^{2\text{loop}}(\alpha)} \right)$ , leads to  $\alpha(\mu^2) = \frac{\alpha_*}{1+W\left(\frac{1}{e}\left(\frac{\mu}{\Lambda}\right)^{b_0\alpha_*}\right)}$

$$\implies \alpha(\mu^2)^{\text{IR}} \sim \frac{\alpha_*}{1+\frac{1}{e}\left(\frac{\mu}{\Lambda}\right)^{b_0\alpha_*}} \quad \alpha(\mu^2)^{\text{UV}} \sim \frac{1}{b_0 \ln \frac{\mu}{\Lambda}}$$

$\implies$  Walking regime for  $\mu \ll \Lambda$

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- Miranski scaling :  $m_F \simeq 4\Lambda \exp\left(\frac{-\pi}{\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_{\text{cr}}}-1}}\right)$

$$\implies \beta(\alpha) = \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \ln \Lambda} = -\frac{2\alpha_{\text{cr}}}{\pi} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_{\text{cr}}} - 1\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

- Solving this equation yields :  $\alpha(\mu) = \alpha_{\text{cr}} \left(1 + \frac{\pi^2}{\ln^2 \frac{\mu}{m_F}}\right)$

$\implies$  Walking regime for  $\mu \gg m_F$

- Conclusion : Walking regime for  $m_F \ll \mu \ll \Lambda$  where  $\alpha \sim \alpha_* \sim \alpha_{\text{cr}}$

# Single field inflation

- Corresponds to  $\phi = 0$ ,  $\delta_2 = 0$  such that :

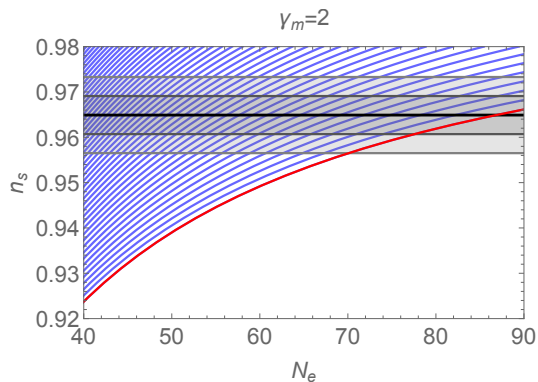
$$V(\phi = 0, \chi) = -\lambda_\chi \delta_1 f_\chi^4 \left( \frac{\chi}{f_\chi} \right)^{3-\gamma_m} + \frac{\lambda_\chi}{4} \chi^4 \left( \log \frac{\chi}{f_\chi} - A^{\text{single}} \right) + V_0^{\text{single}} \quad (7)$$

$$A^{\text{single}} = \frac{1}{4} + \delta_1 (\gamma_m - 3) \quad (8)$$

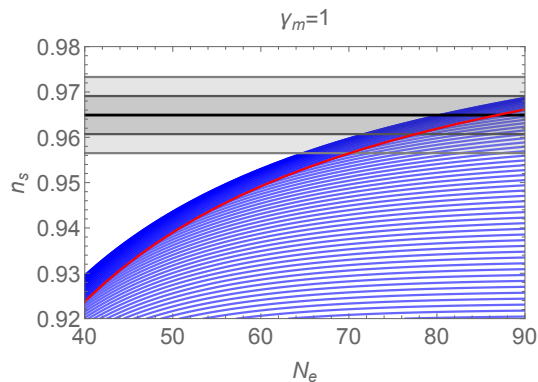
$$V_0^{\text{single}} = \frac{1}{16} \lambda_\chi f_\chi^4 (1 + 4\delta_1 (1 + \gamma_m)) \quad (9)$$

$\implies$  CMB observations  $(n_s, N, \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}})$  fix  $(\lambda_\chi, f_\chi, \chi_*)$

# Single field inflation



Red :  $\delta_1 = 0$



Blue :  $\delta_1 \in [0, 1] \times 10^{-6}$